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In re Patent Application of

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Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE

Sir:

The Examiner is thanked for finding that three different groups of applicant's claims are patentably distinct (i.e., not "obvious" under 35 U.S.C. §103) with respect to one another -- thus giving rise to a restriction requirement.

Applicant hereby respectfully elects the patentably distinct invention of Group I, claims 1-4 for further substantive consideration in the present application.

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An early and favorable substantive action on the merits of claims 1-4 is
respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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